

Canada's emissions top G20, report says

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Canadians produce more greenhouse gas emissions per person than any other G20 economy, according to a new analysis.

Climate Transparency, a coalition of international climate organizations, released its fourth annual review of the climate policies of G20 members Wednesday. The report pointed out that none of them have a plan in place that would actually meet the goals of the Paris climate-change agreement.

Leaders of the G20 will gather at the end of the month in Argentina for their annual summit, where climate change will be on the agenda.

Combined, the G20 members represent about 70 per cent of the world's economy and population. As a group, they are also responsible for more than 80 per cent of the world's annual greenhouse gas emissions.

Catherine Abreu, executive director of Climate Action Network Canada, said Canada may only be responsible for 2 per cent of the total, but that's still a significant contribution when Canada's size is considered.

Canada is the 38th country in the world by population, boasts the 11th largest economy and is the seventh biggest emitter.

The analysis found on average, each Canadian produces 22 tonnes of greenhouse gas per year - the highest among all G20 members and nearly three times the G20 average of eight tonnes per person.

"It's because of the oilsands and because of transportation," Abreu said.

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